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SITUATION IN THE EAST.

The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in issuing an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force. It is anticipated that the discussion will consume a few weeks, during which interim a breech of the peace is very improbable. The elder statesmen of Japan did not

hold a conference yesterday, but proba-bly will confer today. The press unan-imously demands that the government take decisive action, thereby preventing Russia from petting advantages by fur-

ther dilatory tactics.

The far Eastern situation was discussed at the Cabinet meeting in Washington yesterday, special consideration being given the movement of the Asiatic squadron, which it is desired shall be so shaped as to emphasize the absolute neutrality of this country in the event of hostilities between Russia and Japan. After the meeting it was announced that orders would be cabled Rear Admiral Evans upon his arrival at Guam today to proceed thence to Subig Bay, it being desired that the American navy shall observe "good sea manners" by not going to Japanese or Russian waters waste valuable time in experimenting the state of the control of the

A dispatch from Seoul, Korea, says an Italian cruiser has arrived in the harbor of Chemulpo, and a German warship is expected there. The legations are all guarded by detachments of marines be longing to various nations. It is anticipated by its marines be longing to various nations. It is anticipated by the same of t pated that in the event of a military revolt the Emperor will take refuge in one of the European legations.

Min Yeung Tehan, the Korean minis-

ter at Paris, said vesterday that he would not be surprised should Korea appeal to the United States for good offices in her behalf in case of the invasion of Korean territory by one or the other power. Under the treaty between the United States and Korea this is possible. "Russia does not want war," added the Minister, "Russia and the Japanese government does not want war, but the Japanese people, I fear, will force a conflet. The attitude idea is that it will do all in its power to, save its territory from invasion and to preserve strict neutrality. Korea is not interested in the dispute between Japan and Russia and her people have no desire to ally themselves with Japan, which would follow should permission be given for Japanese troops to operate in or from Korea. I have made no proof Korea has not been disclosed, but my idea is that it will do all in its power to, save its territory from invasion and to test to the powers against the landing of an American guard for the legation at Seoul. Probably if war occurs all the nations will land men for the same pur-

Representative Slayden introduced a resolution in the House yesterday requesting the President to tender the good offices or mediation of the United States to Russia and Japan.

WANT ARMOR PLATE WORKS. The recently awarded contract for

16,000 tons of armor plate by the Secretary of the Navy, 6,000 tons of which is to be made by the Midvale Company and 5,000 tons each by the Bethlehem and Carnegie Companies, has been the subject of some comment before the House committee on naval affairs during the hearing now going on relative to the naval appropriation bill.

Rear-Admiral O'Neil, Chief of the

Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, states that evidently there was an Bethlehem Companies, as their bids S. F. DYSON & BRO., understanding between the Carnegie and

were the same. Captain Pendleton, commandant of the Washington navy yard, in arguing for a \$4,000,000 appropriation to en-large the gunshops of the Washington yard, yesterday said the government would save \$600,000 on the 6,000 tons of armor which the Midvale Company is to make. This was given as an illustration of what might be saved in gun con-struction by allowing the increased fa-cilities in the government's factory. Captain Pendleton stated that the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies had

made money enough the first five years they were engaged in the manufacture of armor for the government to pay for their plants. He also asserted that in the manufacture of guns the government could produce for \$2,000,000 what it would have to pay \$2,500,000 for under

It was stated that the Midvale Company assumed the risk of having to pay royalty on the armor it is to make for the government.

committee anticipate a possible delay due to litigation over the royalty question re garding the Midvale contract, no disposition is indicated to criticise the contract as awarded. The question of a government armor factory has been alluded to, Alexandria, - - - Virginia but nothing like definite advocacy of the establishment of such a plant has oc-

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